

THE ELLIS ISLAND SCANDAL.

SUPERINTENDENT OWEN ANSWERS GEN. NETTLETON'S CHARGES.

Assistant Secretary Cronin Testifies That He Called Gen. Nettleton's Attention to the Excessive Expenditures on Ellis Island.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Two sessions of the committee investigating Ellis Island affairs were held today, a public one in the morning and a closed one in the evening. At the evening session a decision was made to examine the expenditures on the island. The committee will begin work as soon as possible, probably early next week. The investigation is proceeding slowly, and have not yet struck rock bottom in their efforts to fasten the responsibility for the waste of money on the proper persons. It is, however, made a matter of fact, and unless all indications are at fault, testimony will soon be brought out that will reveal a startling state of affairs. The investigation, for the most part, has been confined up to date to fixing upon Assistant Secretary Nettleton the responsibility for the waste of money. The investigation of the facts regarding the quarrel between him and Mr. Owen, the Superintendent of Immigration, later on witnesses will be summoned and examined who will bring to light the names of persons who have been benefited, financially and otherwise, by the peculiar method employed by the Superintendent in the management of the island. So far, the authority for expenditures is concerned, the committee are well satisfied with what they have discovered in the Treasury Department proper regarding official management. When they go to New York, or bring the New York witnesses here, they will be ready to ask them some very pointed questions.

At the morning session of the committee today the respective Chairmen, Senator Chandler and Representative Stump, conducted the investigation. Senators Proctor and Dubois and Representatives Coburn, Hare, and Epps were also present. An interesting spectacle was the testimony of Mr. Nettleton, who, after a long and somewhat rambling statement, admitted that he had been misled by the Superintendent of Immigration, and that he had been misled by the Superintendent of Immigration, and that he had been misled by the Superintendent of Immigration.

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WAS SHE IN HIS POWER?

DR. ROBINSON DEFENDS HIS LADY FROM THE WIDOW VAN EMBERG.

Mrs. Markler Contradicts His Testimony, and Says the Widow Declared She Could Get No Accounting from the Doctor.

Surrogate R. D. Stephens in Stapleton, S. I., yesterday afternoon continued to hear evidence in the contest of the will of Mrs. Livinia Van Emberg, the widow who died at the home of Dr. Samuel A. Robinson, West New Brighton, in January last. The contestants are Alexander W. Farrell of this city, a nephew of the deceased, and Sherman W. Neville, a lawyer of this city. They allege undue influence and restraint on the part of the doctor, and that he had been in the power of the widow.

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JOHN'S BONDSMAN LOST \$5,000.

And Johnson's Bail Has Been Increased to \$5,000—But the Witness Is Gone.

Gun Johnson, sporting man, was arrested recently and indicted upon the charge of burglarizing John Fry out of \$1,000. He was released under \$5,000 bail, his bondsman being Nathan L. Bennett, retired turfman, of 210 West 130th street. Fry was committed to the House of Detention to await Johnson's trial.

Assistant District Attorney Osborne moved Johnson's trial in the General Sessions, before Judge Fitzgerald, to the next day. He did not appear, and his bail was forfeited. Two days later a lawyer moved in the Supreme Court, Chambers, before Judge Truax, that Fry be discharged, as it was improbable that Johnson would appear for trial. Judge Truax granted the motion, and Fry was discharged.

It was rumored that he got back his \$1,000, and took a trip out of town. The hearing of the case of the General Sessions yesterday Johnson appeared before Judge Fitzgerald with counsel, who said that Johnson was ready for trial, and would like to have the order for his bail returned. Assistant District Attorney Osborne, however, had not been informed of the circumstances, and he had no objection, and Judge Fitzgerald vacated his order. Johnson's appearance was not made.

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BIG STORMS IN THE WEST.

Whole Towns Wiped Out in Kansas and Nebraska.

BUILDINGS WRECKED IN CHICAGO. A Big Seven-story Structure Topped Over on the Neighboring Frame Dwellings, Killing Seven Persons and Injuring Many Others—Tornadoes in Kansas and Nebraska.

Chicago, April 1.—A terrific wind and thunder storm passed over this city at 9 o'clock to-day, blowing down the city and destroying many buildings. The seven-story brick building at 14 and 16 Peoria street on the west side was struck by the wind and crushed like an egg shell. The building was surrounded by one and two story frame and brick buildings, the homes of laboring men, which were also wrecked. Many of the occupants were killed or injured, as follows:

KILLED. ALLEN, Mrs. Ellen, an invalid, who lived on the second floor, 12 Peoria street, crushed about the head and body. GOWAN, Mrs. J. L., 12 Peoria street, crushed about the head and body.

GOWAN, William, 12 Peoria street, head crushed. GOWAN, Mary, 4 years old, 12 Peoria street, smothered by a falling chimney.

HEWLETT, David R., 8 months old, 12 Peoria street, terribly crushed. EDWARDS, 2 years old, 12 Peoria street, smothered.

MORAN, 5 years old, 12 Peoria street, smothered. MORAN, 5 years old, 12 Peoria street, smothered.

WALSH, Mary, 20 years old, 12 Peoria street, a niece of Mrs. Gowan; had been found at 2 A. M.

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CALLING FOR ANNEXATION.

STRONG WORDS BY THE LEADING FRENCH LIBERAL PAPER.

Ex-Alderman McDonald's Candidacy on a Straight Annexation Ticket—The French Liberal Paper.

MONTREAL, April 1.—The evolution of French Canadians to the New England States has assumed enormous proportions. Thousands are daily leaving their homes in various parts of the Dominion, and crossing the border. The leading French Canadian papers are becoming alarmed and are discussing the question whether it would not be preferable to have a political union with the United States than to have the province depopulated by the exodus.

At Montreal the wind played havoc with the wires again. During the greater part of the day not a wire could be used. All wires to the city were down. Many small buildings were blown down. The heavy wind storm which passed over this city at 9 o'clock to-day, blowing down the city and destroying many buildings.

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THE REBELLION IN VENEZUELA.

Volunteers Flocking to the Aid of the Insurgents—Palacio's Unpopularity.

PANAMA, April 1.—To-day's advices from Venezuela say that volunteers are flocking from all directions to the aid of the insurgents. The Government forces are largely composed of hastily made levies, driven in by the regular army of regular troops. The Government forces are largely composed of hastily made levies, driven in by the regular army of regular troops.

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